

**IN THE CLAIMS**

For the convenience of the Examiner all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether an amendment has been made or not. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for relating words in an audio file to words in a text file, comprising:  
retrieving a text file comprising a plurality of textual words;  
generating an audio file comprising a plurality of audible words based on the text file;  
**and**  
storing information relating each audible word to a corresponding textual word; **and**  
**transmitting the audio file to a telecommunication device operable to play the audio file to a user.**
2. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the textual words comprise ASCII text.
3. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the audio file is stored in the form of a WAV file.
4. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the information comprises voice tags embedded in the audio file.
5. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the information comprises a file map relating a location of each textual word within the text file to a location of the corresponding audible word in the audio file.
6. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the steps of the method are performed by logic embodied in a computer readable medium.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method for relating words in an audio file to words in a text file, comprising:

retrieving a text file comprising a textual word;

generating an audible word corresponding to the textual word;

storing the audible word in an audio file;

storing a file map, the file map comprising:

a first location locating the audible word within the audio file; and

a second location locating the textual word within the text file; and

transmitting the audio file to a telecommunication device operable to play the audio file to a user.

8. **(Original)** The method of Claim 7, further comprising repeating the steps of the method for a plurality of textual words in the text file.

9. **(Original)** The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

receiving a command from a user to spell the audible word;

determining that the textual word corresponds to the audible word; and

audibly spelling the textual word.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A method for relating words in an audio file to words in a text file, comprising:

retrieving a text file comprising a plurality of textual words;

generating an audible word corresponding to each textual word, each audible word comprising media stream packets; and

playing transmitting the audible words to a telecommunication device associated with a user in real time as the audible words are generated; and

during ~~the~~ a playing of the audible words, determining a current textual word corresponding to the audible word currently being played.

11. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, wherein the textual words comprise ASCII text.

12. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, further comprising:  
initializing a counter identifying textual words within the text file; and  
incrementing the counter after each audible word is played;  
wherein the step of determining comprises identifying the current textual word using the counter.

13. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, further comprising:  
after each audible word is played, storing information about the audible word, the information comprising:  
an identifier for the textual word corresponding to the audible word; and  
a time at which the audible word was played.

14. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, wherein the steps of the method are performed by logic embodied in a computer readable medium.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A method for relating words in an audio file to words in a text file, comprising:  
retrieving a text file comprising a textual word;  
generating an audible word based on the textual word, the audible word comprising media stream packets; ~~and~~  
storing an identifier for the textual word; and  
transmitting the audio word to a telecommunication device operable to play the audio word to a user.

16. **(Original)** The method of Claim 15, further comprising repeating the steps of the method for a plurality of textual words in the text file.

17. **(Original)** The method of Claim 15, further comprising:  
receiving a command from a user to spell the audible word;  
determining that the textual word corresponds to the audible word; and  
audibly spelling the textual word.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A method for audibly spelling a word in an audio file, comprising:

playing an audio file to a user;

receiving from the user a voice command to spell an audible word in the audio file;

in response to the voice command, identifying in a text file a textual word corresponding to the audible word; and  
audibly spelling the textual word.

19. **(Original)** The method of Claim 18, wherein receiving the command comprises receiving a barge-in command during the playing of the audio file, and the method further comprises:

stopping the playback of the audio file;

identifying the last word played before the barge-in command was received; and

selecting the last word played as the audible word to be spelled.

20. **(Original)** The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

receiving a command from the user to resume playing the audio file; and

playing the audio file from the point at which playback was stopped.

21. **(Original)** The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

receiving a command from the user to select a new textual word from the text file; and

audibly spelling the new textual word.

22. **(Currently Amended)** An interactive voice response server (IVR), comprising:  
an interface operable to play an audio file to a user and further operable to receive a voice command to spell an audible word in the audio file from the user;

a processor operable to:

identify an audible word to be spelled in response to the voice command to spell;

in response to the voice command, identify a textual word in a text file corresponding to the audible word to be spelled; and

audibly spell the textual word.

23. **(Original)** The IVR of Claim 22, further comprising an adaptive speech recognition (ASR) module operable to:

receive speech from the user; and

parse the speech into recognizable grammar, words or vocabulary.

24. **(Original)** The IVR of Claim 22, wherein:

the interface is further operable to receive a command from the user to resume playing the audio file; and

the processor is further operable to resume playing the audio file in response to the command.

25. **(Original)** The IVR of Claim 22, wherein:

the interface is further operable to receive a command to select a new textual word from the text file; and

the processor is further operable to select and to audibly spell the new textual word.

26. **(Currently Amended)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium operable to perform the steps of:

playing an audio file to a user;

receiving from the user a voice command to spell an audible word in the audio file;

in response to the voice command, identifying in a text file a textual word corresponding to the audible word; and

audibly spelling the textual word.

27. **(Original)** The logic of Claim 26, wherein receiving the command comprises receiving a barge-in command during the playing of the audio file, and the logic is further operable to perform the steps of:

stopping the playback of the audio file;

identifying the last audible word played before the barge-in command was received; and

selecting the last audible word played as the audible word to be spelled.

28. **(Original)** The logic of Claim 26, wherein the logic is further operable to perform the steps of:

receiving a command from the user to resume playing the audio file; and  
playing the audio file approximately from a point at which playback was stopped.

29. **(Original)** The logic of Claim 26, wherein the logic is further operable to perform the steps of:

receiving a command from the user to select a new textual word from the text file; and  
audibly spelling the new textual word.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A text-to-speech (TTS) system, comprising:  
a memory operable to store a text file and an audio file; and  
a TTS module operable to:

generate an audible word corresponding to each textual word in the text file;  
store the audible words in an audio file; and  
store for each audible word:

a first location locating the audible word in the audio file; and  
a second location locating the corresponding textual word in the text file;

**and**

**transmit the audible words to a telecommunication device operable to play the audio file to a user.**

31. **(Original)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the system further comprises:  
an output device operable to play the audio file to a user;  
an interface operable to receive a command to spell one of the audible words during the playing of the audio file; and  
a processor operable to:

determine the textual word corresponding to the audible word to be spelled; and  
audibly spell the textual word.

32. **(Currently Amended)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, comprising:

selecting a textual word in a text file;

generating an audible word corresponding to the textual word;

storing the audible word in an audio file;

storing a file map, the file map comprising:

a first location locating the audible word within the audio file; and

a second location locating the textual word within the text file; **and**

**transmitting the audio file to a telecommunication device operable to play the audio file to a user.**

33. **(Original)** The logic of Claim 32, further operable to repeat the steps for a plurality of textual words in the text file.

34. **(Original)** The logic of Claim 32, further operable to perform the steps of:

receiving a command from a user to spell the audible word;

determining that the textual word corresponds to the audible word; and

audibly spelling the textual word.

35. **(Currently Amended)** A method for synchronizing audible words with textual words in a text file, comprising:

retrieving a text file comprising a plurality of textual words;

generating a plurality of audio files, each audio file comprising an audible word corresponding to one of the textual words; and

for each audio file, storing information relating the audio file to the corresponding textual word, **the information comprising an electronic marker within the audio file that indicates the position of the audible word within the text file.**

36. **(Original)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the steps are performed by logic embodied in a computer readable medium.

37. **(Currently Amended)** A system for spelling words in an audio file, comprising:

means for playing an audio file to a user;

means for receiving from the user a voice command to spell an audible word in the audio file;

means for identifying in a text file a textual word corresponding to the audible word in response to the voice command; and

means for audibly spelling the textual word.